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Claim 9 (currently amended): A method in accordance with claim 1, including the step of detecting in ~~the~~ a chassis level regulation control unit for the level control of ~~the~~ a chassis data received from the level control actuators, and correlating the level control actuator data with the transmission control unit to control vehicle pitch angle.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method in accordance with claim 9, wherein a level control of the chassis takes place as a function of the clutch engagement/disengagement and transmission shift processes.

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Claim ~~11~~ (previously presented): Apparatus in accordance with claim ~~13~~¹¹, including vehicle leveling actuators arranged in at least one of a forward and a rear axle of the motor vehicle, wherein the leveling actuators are parallel to respective chassis-mounted shock absorbers.

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Claim ~~12~~ (previously presented): Apparatus in accordance with claim ~~11~~¹², wherein during a control process regulating distances of the leveling actuators of an axle are regulated individually for each wheel of the vehicle.

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Claim ~~13~~ (previously presented): Apparatus for operating a motor vehicle having a driving engine and an automated or automatic transmission in a drive train for transmitting a torque, said apparatus comprising: a control unit including a memory function, wherein the control unit is operable to control operation of a

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clutch and a shift of gears within the transmission to provide a clutch engagement/disengagement process to improve riding comfort during a shift of gears from R to D by momentary engagement of engine torque before a shift of gears takes place, and a transmission actuator operatively connected with the transmission control unit for shifting gears.

Claim 14 (previously presented): Apparatus in accordance with claim ~~10~~¹¹, including a driver identification system for accessing driver-specific vehicle operating parameters for controlling vehicle operation and transmission gear shifts.

Claim 15 (currently amended): Apparatus in accordance with claim ~~4~~¹¹ ~~13~~, including vehicle leveling actuators arranged in at least one of a forward and a rear axle of the motor vehicle, wherein the leveling actuators are components of the shock absorbers.